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## SOME PEN PICTURES.

A Galaxy of Great Afro-Americans At tend the National Republican Con vention—The Lynching Resolution.

Philadelphia, Pa., Special- Say! You missed it by not going to the Philadel phia Convention. Why it was the big gest, consanndidest, and most enjoy ablest political convention that ever happened, and some of the greatest guns of the race and several battalions of small bores were there. The latter took everything from a drink to a \$20 note, and would have taken the city, but the police force had been increased —so some of them took cold, after the rain on Sunday as they didn't wear socks, and they got wet.

Seriously speaking no finer looking body of black and colored men ever assembled in the City of Brotherly Love or any other city for that matter. They were for the most part men of intelligence and ability—men repre senting the trades, professions and business, well dressed men, good look ing men and some of them men of means. Of course in every such gathering there is bound to be some fakirs. There was no exception to the rule in Philadelphia, the sharpers and "con" men who are attracted to conventions as buzzards are attracted to a dead horse, came there and, were spotted, and given a wide berth. None of them got rich hauls, this year, for the business of the convention kept them all guessing.

Governor Pinchback is as pictures que a character as will be found in any quarter of the globe. A man of handsome personal appearance, digni fied bearing and many accomplish ments. The cartoonist of the Philadel phia Press tried his pencil on the Governor while the latter was in Phil adelphia and if it wasn't a joke the Governor would have an excellent reason for proceeding against that enterprising journal for damages. The Governor's well groomed Van Dyke (they don't grow such beards in Philadelphia) was instantly recognized as belonging to him by all who knew him and gazed on that cartoon.

Genial Charley Anderson, one of Mr. Platt's right bowels, and an indefatiga ble hustler was on the ground with his amplitude of smile and girth, and a cheerful word for everybody. Charley had a crowd of white delegates around him in the corridor of the Walton listening to one of his "fameyous" stories, when the climax was reached there was a wild guffaw that shook the



EDITOR A. N. JOHNSON,  
A Leader in Alabama Politics and a Successful Man.

## AN ALABAMA LEADER.

Editor A. N. Johnson, of Mobile, a Stalwart in Alabama Politics. A Successful Busi ness Man and a Trenchant Quill Driver.

Among the young leaders of the state of Alabama, no one is better known or more highly respected than Editor A. N. Johnson, of Mobile, Ala. Not only in Alabama but in the adjacent states his name is a household word. He is known not only by the political prom itence he has attained but by the many successes which have crowned his efforts in other avenues of life. He entered politics in his early twenties and while only thirty-three years old has been a member of the Republican State Central Committee for ten years.

He was once elected to the State Leg islature of Alabama but was counted out by the democracy. He served as a railway postal clerk under President Harrison's administration and received the highest per cent. of average in the examinations up to the date of his leaving the service. His efficiency as a postal clerk won for him many friends in the section of the state through which he ran. In 1893 in order to broaden his field of labor he engaged in the undertaking and embalming busi ness and is today known as one of the largest and most successful men in the business. He is a member of the State Board of Embalmers and holds a state license. Two years ago he was unani mously nominated by the republicans of his district for Congress, and while he was elected was counted out, the democracy having the political ma chinery in hand. He was a delegate to the St. Louis Convention four years ago and was an active participant in that convention. It may be noted that at this convention he was the youngest delegate. In the recent convention he was elected delegate at-large from the state defeating a number of strong can didates among whom may be mention ed Dr. W. R. Pettiford, president of the Penny Savings Bank at Birmingham, Ala. He was turned down, however, at the recent Philadelphia Convention, and the opposing party got the seat. Mr. Johnson is best known as the editor of The Mobile Press, a paper with a large circulation and great influence in Alabama. Mr. Johnson is not only satirical in his writing but pointed, epi grammatic, and calls a spade a spade. He owns a large plant for job and newspaper printing, and in addition to his own printing does other job and

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chandeliers and made the diamond in the shirt front of the hotel clerk glitter like the evening star.

Speaking about diamonds, Chris. J. Perry of the Philadelphia Tribune, owns more of these rare gems than any mem ber of the P. G. except Col. Cooper, of District of Columbia. Chris office is near Bailey Barks and Biddles the great Philadelphia jewellers. His as sortment of these precious stones vary in sizes from a pins head, to a hickory nut, and when he puts on his sto' clothes and walks down Chestnut street at night the scene beggars description. The most elegant piece of human flesh in the city of Philadelphia, is that dapper little gentleman the Hon. Christopher Jacobus Perry, editor of The Tribune, membah of the city council sah. Bo hemian and good fellow generally.

From Brooklyn came a tall son of Anak in the person of Mr. G. E. Wibecan, one of deputy assistant wet nurses of the Woodruff boom. He is an unselfish politician who spurns coin and a patriot on principle. Mr. Wibecan is a very nice gentleman, but his political edu-

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### A Creditable Enterprise.

A number of gentlemen of standing in our race having felt concerned over the fact that there is no suburban pleas ure resort ner this city to which we can go and feel comfortable and at home, having undertaken to supply what they deem really necessary for the happiness of our people, and to this end have leased a large tract of ground on the Military Road, just above the Girl's Re form School, and have converted it in to beautiful Lake View Park which is to be open at all times to accommodate our people. The park is fitted up first class in every respect, and only respect able people will be admitted to it; so worthy an enterprises should beliberally patronized. To reach the Park take Metropolitan cars and transfer at Georgetown. Get off at District line. Only one fare. On Sunday July first at 4 30 p. m., there will be a musical concert given at Lake View Park by Hoffman's concert band.